

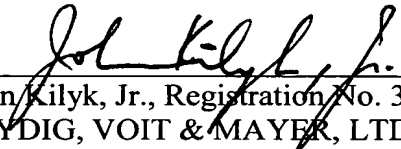
In re Appln. of SHINKAI et al.
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REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert the requisite cross-reference to related patent applications. No new matter has been amended by way of this amendment.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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